Name of Branch	1994-93 the			1995-46			1996-97		
	Received	Sanctioned	Disbursed	Received	Sanctioned	Disbursed	Received	Sanctioned	Dis-bursed
Shantiniketan	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
South	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tilak Nagar	3	1	—	6	1	1	—	—	—
West Patel	11	4	4	12	2	2	7	—	—
Kashmere Gate	6	2	2	16	2	2	—	—	—
Mayur Vihar	18	2	2	42	4	4	26	6	
Mehrauli	4	—	—	18	2	1	10	—	—
Padam Singh	6	—	—	9	—	—	1	—	—
S.F. School	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1
Saket	1	1	—	8	—	—	3	—	—
Vikas Puri	—	—	—	12	-	—	11	2	2
Nehru Place	3	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—
New Delhi	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
NRI Branch	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	72	14	12	183	27	21	65	9	3

Safeguards against infections brought from abroad

1962. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate health quarantine systems and prevention procedures have been instituted at all points of entry to the country against infection brought from overseas;

(b) if so, affectiveness of these cordons against foreign diseases;

(c) whether it is a fact that no supervision is done by Government on a regular basis; and

(d) if so, steps proposed to enchance vigilance against passengers bringing in diseases and infections from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Health checks for all incoming passengers in international airports are being done by Immigration authorities and at the seaports by the Port Health authorities. These checks are mainly geared towards prevention of entry of infectious diseases into be country through passengers, baggage and other modes coming from or transitting through nof-fified areas and otherwise. Where necessary passengers are being quarantined as per provisions of the Indian Port Health Rules, 1995 and Aircraft (Public Health) Rules, 1954 respectively.

Measures to step up surveillance from this Ministry are also initiated whenever reports about potential threats of epidemics to this country are received.

Launching prosecution officers of R.B.I, and S.B.I. found responsible in security scam

1963. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is now a proposal to launch prosecutions against senior officers of the Reserve Bank of India and the State Bank of India responsible for the securities-cum-banks scandal during 1991-92; and

(b) in case there is no such proposal, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) As regards action against Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officials, as indicated in the revised paragraphs of the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) report laid in Parliament in December, 1994, the Governor, RBI instituted enquiries through the Deputy Governor and also through a Committee consisting of Shri E.S. Venkataramiah, .former Chief Justice of India, to determine whether there was any dereliction of duty on the part of the officials of RBI relating to scrutiny of Portfolio Management Scheme (PMS) and investment transactions and the delay in issue of guidelines on bills discounting, respectively. The enquiries concluded that no case of dereliction of duty or malafide has been made out against officials of RBI. RBI have accepted these findings.

In respect of-officials of State Bank of India and SBI Capital Market Ltd., sanction for prosecution has been granted to CBI by the Bank so far in respect of seven officials.

Impact of guidelines for Euro issue

1964. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 976 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd July 1996 and state:

(a) the impact of guidelines for Euro Issue on Indian Corporates and non-banking finance companies in GDR (Global Depository Ratio) market;

(b) whether there is a demand for removal of restrictions over foreign loans on Euro issues; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) The Euro Issue guidelines were revised, interalia, to permit relaxation in track record requirement/eligibility condition for raising funds for infrastructure projects, inclusion of Banks, Financial Institutions and Non-Banking Finance Companies to braod-base the eligible entities to access international capital market to mobilise funds. The successful tapping of the global GDR market by Indian companies etc., however, depends on a host of exogenous factors including movements in the United States interest rates, attractiveness of other emerging market equities, performance of the international capital markets etc.

(b) and (c) Proposals for floating Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs) by Indian companies should conform to the end use norms prescribed by the Government for External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) from time to time. A relaxation has been provided in the Euro issue Guidelines dated the 19th June, 1996 allowing Indian Companies floating FCCB issues to utilise not more than 25% of the issue proceeds for general corporate restructuring uses incldu-ing working capital requirements. Deployment of the balance FCCB issue proceeds, would continue to be in accordance with the ECB norms.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance and Reports (1995-96) and Accounts of the Regional Rural Banks and related papers

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) Sir, I lay on the Table-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), unde Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 374(E), dated 22nd Au gust, 1996 seeking to amend Notifica tion No. 38/96-Customs dated 23rd July, 1996 so as to authorising the Chief Controller of Research and Development (R) to issue duty ex empting certificate.

(2) G.S.R. No. 380(E), dated 30th Au gust, 1996 seeking to amend Notifi cation No. 3696—Customs, dated 23rd July, 1996.